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IT'S ONE BIG CHAUTAUQUA

Music and Song, Speech-making, Opera in Special Costume, Etc.—Lougher's Great Talk.

The cooler weather is here and so is the Mexico Chautauqua. The programme opened Monday afternoon and the throngs attending the sessions are by far the largest in the history of Chautauqua attendance here. The King's Daughters sold every ticket put in their hands and more are called for.

Chaplain Lougher, of Michigan, made the address at the opening. He is the champion of the Newer Criminology. He has traveled in British India and all over the world and visited every large prison. He condemns present-day prisons and says most of them do more to increase crime than to reduce its prevalence. The majority of criminals are graduates of reform schools. You can't segregate boys, already bad, where they can exchange ideas with other bad boys and expect them to break off their badness.

Dr. Lougher proposes the Michigan plan of county farms to better conditions. Seven big state farms are operated in Michigan and 800 convicts have been paroled in three years and only three men have run away. The State has made \$100,000 profits annually in these operations and sent back home standard wages to the families of convicts. Lougher's speech was an eye-opener.

Col. Bain last night. Geo. E. Colby, cartoonist Read, the Welsh Glee Singers, Hon. Chas. F. Scott, congressman from Kansas, who will tell the "Real Truth About Mexico"—all on the program for today and tonight.

The Quintet of Filipinos and Sen. Gore, of Oklahoma, will be among the features tomorrow.

Attend the Chautauqua. It is worth while. It is a great university come to our door.

Two Hundred and Seven Additions. Rev. B. G. Reavis is home from Newton, Mo., where he held a great revival meeting for the Christian Church. He reports 207 additions to the church membership, 79 coming forward the closing night of the meeting.

G. C. Wilson, sales manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of this city, sustained a sprained wrist and other painful bruises when his horse became frightened at an engine in the vicinity of the Chicago & Alton freight station Tuesday afternoon. The vehicle in which Mr. Wilson was riding was overturned and considerably damaged.

Billy Jackman and family have returned to Mexico from Arkansas. Mr. Jackman will be associated with L. D. Penney here in the printing business. He is a brother of Mrs. S. P. St. Vrain, of Mexico; an excellent fellow, he is.

Mrs. S. H. Richards is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Martha McDonald, near Centralia, who is very ill.

WANT ITEMS.

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SKINNER LETTER.

Threshers Busy Rolling Out The Golden Grain—Cupid's Dart and There's to Be a Wedding.

Skinner, Mo., Aug. 22.—Getting ready to attend the Chautauqua at Mexico, eh? You should by all means, at least a day or two. Somebody has said that is a great university moving into our community for a week. Now's the time to attend a university for at least a week each year.

The intense, hot sultry weather is getting the best of us. Don't remember that we ever had a hotter summer, since it did commence, than this one.

The threshing will most likely all be finished up this week. And everybody will be so glad. All can then take some outings and return tanned and built up from at least a few days of recreation.

Mrs. Blanche Clark and daughter, Miss Etta, and Mrs. C.'s father returned to their home in Kansas City after a two weeks' sojourn here with Mrs. John W. Blum and other relatives.

Miss Grace Ridgeway of Columbia was here a fortnight as the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Blanche White begins her school at Fox the first Monday in September. It is her third term there. She's a fine teacher.

Miss Besse Day begins her third term of school at Duly Monday, September 4. She is another of the county's very successful teachers.

Miss Little of Callaway is here as the guest of kinsfolk, the Spurlings, and other relatives.

Misses Cornett and Berry of Rush Hill were here last week, the guests of Miss Hazel Holloway.

Misses Elliott and Nellie Vaughn of Santa Fe were here last week, the guests of Miss Ruth Ellis.

J. T. Shoush now sports a new Overland touring car. He sends it down the pike like a professional.

Cy. Barnes bought a new Ford touring car last week and can now be seen gliding over the roads at a great speed, Baker, his son, at the throttle of course.

The Hopewell meeting at Thompson closed Sunday. Rev. Mr. Dorgan is an Audrain product and we are all very proud of him. He's a self-made man and is certainly making good everywhere he goes. Here's still hoping for still greater things.

The basket dinner at Liberty Sunday was a great event. Notwithstanding other meetings near by a large crowd was present. Rev. Mr. Andrews of Columbia did exceedingly well in his presentation of Bible truths.

Rev. Isom Roberts of Oklahoma is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jim Surber, and will preach at Liberty Sunday morning. All come out and hear him.

The protracted meeting at Antioch is still in progress. The interest is good. Sunday night an immense crowd was present, we hear, and only two stood up who did not profess Christ as their Savior.

The protracted meeting at Long Branch begins Sunday night, we understand. Misinformation caused us to report its beginning two weeks ago. State Evangelist Smoot will do the trumpet calling for the Master's cause for a short time there. He's a strong, good man and will certainly stir the people to a redoubting of their diligence.

The biggest person that walks our vicinity is the one who has the greatest amount of cheering love in his or her heart for his kind, and more especially fallen mankind. That heart is full, running over, effervescing spirit of love is unconquerable and the greatest moulder of character this world has ever, or will ever, see. The fuller we get of it the better our vicinity. All the world is kin when this passion is rampant, subdued by reason, in us. So the more we get in us the bigger we are. What is your liking?

Mr. Farthing, of Columbia, is over north of Youngs Creek with his threshing outfit putting the grain in the bins. Farthing has a rig for true, and has help that understands their business in every particular.

Farm and Stock News

D. W. McKeehan, up Thompson way, says he has 30 acres of bottom land corn which promises very fine indeed—all prospects for a big yield. Mr. McKeehan raises big cantaloupes. Ask John Ricketts about it.

Santa Fe Progress:—C. C. Lucas, one day recently, brought into the Progress office and turned over to us his entire 1916 peach crop. The crop consisted of three peaches, one of which was about the size of a walnut; the other two were smaller and not one of them was perfect. We are perfectly safe, we think, in saying that there will not be a bushel of peaches raised in this whole section of country.

R. B. Hooton tells the Message that 51 years ago this summer he headed sheep for one John Thatcher down on Middle Lick Creek. The rattlesnakes and greenhead flies made him very homesick and one day he got a chance to ride back to Mexico and he never returned to that neighborhood again. Thatcher owned the place afterwards known as the George Bonduant farm.

Centralia Guard:—Frank Jennings showed us two small stones that appeared to be petrified grains of corn, which he picked up on the Dr. J. C. Hulien farm near Gant, on which he lives. Mr. Jennings also has some corn on the farm that is not petrified, and he says he will raise a better crop this year than he did last season.

L. Gallon, northeast of Laddonia, has traded his 280 acre farm to Mr. Bushnell for the latter's 80 acre farm south of Laddonia.

Live Stock Reporter:—Judge Barker Barnes, of Audrain County, jurist and cattleman, was represented on the market Wednesday with 26 head of 1254-pound steers of his own feeding that sold to Morris & Co., at \$9.70. Another successful Audrain County man here with cattle Wednesday was Edgar Lockridge, who sold 16 head of 1166-pound steers to Swift & Co., at \$9.10.

—John A. Armstrong, of Ames, Iowa, was here last week looking after his good farm south of Benton City.

A. J. Cauthorn, of near Molino, as per our Molino correspondent, left Sunday night for St. Louis with a load of fat cattle.

Live Stock Reporter:—Baker Barnes, Jr., of Audrain County, supplied the market with one of his first strings of steers Thursday. They were mixed breeds of long yearlings, mostly two. He marketed 21 head that averaged 1021 lbs. and sold to Swift & Co. \$8.50 per cwt. This is one of the first strings of cattle young Barnes has ever fed, but judging from his success this time he will be but a short time getting the name of big father who has been one of the substantial feeders of that section for many years.

Elmer Gatewood, out Skinner way, sold 15 head of 200-pound hogs Monday to Ben Cutright at \$10.25.

Mr. McLaughlin, of Centralia, is over just west of us threshing. He has a first rate rig and is doing good work.

Charley Dickey is cleaning up the platter all over the country with two threshing outfits. Charley a "go get her." He got a late start this year and many of his friends are waiting for him.

As we go to press we remember madam gossip has it that Cupid's darts have been extremely busy the past few months and has torn, lacerated and firmly united two young hearts in one. The initiation was made several months back so we understand, and the happy parties are only waiting for an opportunity to have the ceremonial part performed. They are two of our very fine young people, just out of their teens. Here's hoping for them an extremely happy and useful married life.

Charles Myers shipped a load of fat cattle to St. Louis market Tuesday.

Elmer Gatewood, out Skinner way, sold 15 head of 200 pound hogs Monday to Ben Cutright at \$10.25.

As per our Skinner correspondent, Charlie Meyer delivered 21 head of 200-pound porkers to Wheeler Gant at Thompson at \$10.15 per.

P. T. Bruce delivered to W. T. Hodge last week 35 215 pound porkers, good enough to bring the top.

H. L. Weaver sold M. H. Patterson of Mexico three mules for \$465.

Mrs. Chas. Hickman, 5 miles south east of Mexico, will have a public sale next Wednesday. Thirteen head of cattle and 7 horses among the offerings.

Mrs. G. W. Elsen, two miles southeast of Long Branch Store, will have an Administratrix' Sale next Tuesday, August 29.

Charlie Dean, says our Champ Chimes, went to Iowa last week and bought 26 head of mules.

Albert Price, southeast of Mexico, sold 40 head of fine work mules to Callaway county parties last Friday.

Elisha Hedden, who lives two miles over the line in Monroe county from Molino, was in to see the Message Tuesday. He reports everything on the farms over his way as looking very fine since the late big rains.

The commercial club at Fulton offers \$50 as a special corn premium at the Fulton street fair.

We hope to see two Audrain county boys get that free week at Missouri State Fair. Come to Mexico Saturday and take the test before Mr. Johnson and enjoy a trip you will not forget the longest day you live.

Thad Boulware, out beyond Molino, was in Mexico Thursday. He tells us that Mrs. G. W. Elsen, of his neighborhood, thinks of leaving the farm and moving to Mexico. Mr. Elsen died recently.

Fifty-six oil and gasoline burning farm tractors plowed 100 acres on the Charles E. Champ farm on Brown road near Clinton road, St. Louis county, in two hours and fifteen minutes as a part of the St. Louis Tractor Farming Demonstration at Kinloch Park. A man with an ordinary plow and horse would take several weeks to do the same amount of work, it is estimated. About 8,000 persons, mostly farmers, witnessed the demonstration. Many of the tractors drew as many as six plows. And several of the smaller machines were used to draw disks, harrows and drags.

Have you mowed those weeds? Then your farm is worth more and you are a better neighbor and a better citizen than if you hadn't. Everyone thinks more of the farmer and farm if he sees the weeds neatly mowed as he drives along a well-drained road. As he passes the end of the line fence he sees a fence row, not a weed row, and the same is true of the cross fence.

Whole tomatoes, green peppers, spinach, and corn on the cob every day next winter! Doesn't the thought suggest a pleasant departure from too much meat in the diet? Every woman on the farm—and the men will not forget to help too—should can surplus fruits and vegetables during the summer months for winter use, says Miss Addie D. Root of the Missouri College of Agriculture. By so doing, the cost of a valuable food will be decreased and meals during the winter will be made more appetizing. Fruits and vegetables give variety to the diet and supply certain food materials which are necessary to maintain health. They do not leave us in need of a spring tonic.

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Two heifer calves. One full blood Jersey, one Black Holstein. Both weaned.
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'T WAS INDEED A PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Marie Rose United in Holy Wedlock to Mr. Lafayette Gordon of Kansas City.

The marriage of Miss Marie Rose to Mr. Lafayette Gordon of Kansas City was solemnized Saturday evening at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. It was a brilliant and beautiful affair, with simple decorations of greenery and lines of pink tulle.

As the guests assembled Miss Mary Barks played a select program of bridal music including the bridal chorus from Lohengrin.

At the first notes of the bridal march the chorus of 12 young ladies dressed in white lingerie and carrying pink roses came down a side aisle singing. In the chorus were: Misses Agnes White, Jennie Parker, Georgia Miller, Lottie Cornett, Maurine Heiser, Mary Dearing, Dannie Kelso, Willie Robnett, Helena Wonneman, Mary Burks and Josephine and Mildred Wallace. Following them were the little flower girls—Rebecca Strode, Eleanor Cass, Virginia and Kathryn McCune, dressed in dainty white frocks and carrying baskets of pink rosebuds—Misses Lella Winana, Crete Gus Caldwell, Ruth Robertson and Eva Miller, wore white messaline draped with tulle. They carried white baskets filled with pink gladioli.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Morris Gordon, of Jefferson City, wore a graceful gown of white crepe meteor and lace and carried a shower of pink roses.

The bride entered on the arm of Judge W. W. Botts. She wore an exquisite gown of white charmeuse and Princess lace caught with orange blossoms. Her tulle veil was fastened with orange blossoms and she carried a shower of white rosebuds. The bridegroom and his man, Mr. Morris Gordon, of Jefferson City, met the bride at the altar, where Rev. A. A. Wallace assisted by Rev. H. B. Barks performed the ring ceremony.

The ushers were: Messrs. Nate Phillips, Merrett Llewellyn, Pemberton Gordon of Jefferson City, O. H. Westerman and W. B. Groves of Lexington, Mo.

A large reception was given just after the ceremony at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Botts in Woodlawn.

Those from a distance who were here for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gordon, Pemberton Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. I. Uptegrove, Miss Kate Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Willard King, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Whitney, all of Jefferson City; Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Gibbs, Miss Kate Caldwell, Miss Ruth Wise, of Bowling Green; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Gates, of St. Louis; Mrs. A. A. Jones and Andrew Jones, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gentile, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Daniel, Jr., Judge and Mrs. Guy McCune, Mrs. Mollie McCune, Misses Virginia and Kathryn McCune, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Rose, Miss Mary Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hemlett, Mr. and Mrs. C. Caldwell, Miss Crete Gus Caldwell and Messrs. Stanley and Fraser Caldwell, of Vandavia; Messrs. O. H. Westerman and W. B. Groves, of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Measure, who have been here for the last three weeks, visiting the family of John R. Thomas and other relatives, departed Wednesday afternoon for their home in Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss Isabelle Terwische and Miss Freda Heidebreder of Quincy, Ill., and Mrs. Bert Berrey of near Molino are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bloom.

Miss Ruth Mason has returned to Lindsey, Calif., where she will teach again in the high school of that place.

Mayor Frank Harrison, of this city is visiting Harrison Brown in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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WOODCRAFT STORIES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

By L. Roy Ferris.

What you going to do, Sonny, when you grow up to be a big man, like dad?

You know it's just natural for a boy to roll hoops and go barefooted and have a dandy time. But you are just as bright as Mother Robin's babies. While they don't roll hoops I believe they do go barefoot. Mother Robin teaches her little ones something new every day. This is just a hint to you to mix a little work with your play. It will taste better—I mean you will feel better, and mother who loves her little kids dies just as well as Mother Robin and Mother Flicker and Mother Oriole loves theirs, will not feel so tired when night comes.

Now, Honest Injun, I am not joking. If you will slip down to the Swimming Hole some day when your big brother is at school and you would be real quiet, you would hear the funniest little quack, quack, coming from under the roots of a tree right by the Spring-board, and you would see Father and Mother Woodduck with their little brood of baby ducks swim out from under the roots. If you will keep quite still little birds are learning things. A dandy good way to start is to learn quack. Of course you don't know what he says, but he means for you babies to take their diving lesson. You know that is the way they are going to make their living some day.

If the babies refuse to plunge Mother Woodduck takes a baby under each wing, and down they go until Father Duck is frightened for fear they will stay too long.

If you were to tip-toe over to Mother Woodpecker's house you would see Mother Woodpecker and her two red-headed children pecking away at a tree. Father Red-head clings to the side of a tree and clucks to the babies to encourage them. They learn just where to dig for the fat worm in the tree. They can make the coziest nests in the tree by first digging a front door and then making bed-rooms.

Now the carpenter's trade is not the only trade the birds have. The Orioles are weavers. They make the coziest little home out of strings, and they always hang it on a slender twig where Pussy, the cat, cannot get the babies. They weave it in and out, like Grandmother knits a pair of red, warm gloves for the boy who spoils with cookies and candy.

So you see a fellow cannot afford to hang around and loaf while the little birds are learning things. A dandy good way to start is to learn quack. Of course you don't know what he says, but he means for you babies to take their diving lesson. You know that is the way they are going to make their living some day.

BOY SWALLOWS FENCE STAPLE
Jimmie Butler, 14 years old, of Ralls county, who has been spending the summer with his uncle, M. A. Brown, near Mexico, swallowed a barb wire fence staple Saturday afternoon. Not explained how he accomplished such a feat. It lodged against the vocal chords. No doctor in Mexico had an instrument that would remove it. The young man was hurried to St. Louis in an auto.

The drive requiring four and one-half hours, and at St. Luke's hospital the staple was removed. Jimmy is reported as recovering all right.

CONTRACT LET.
G. Thurston Elliott gets the contract for erecting the new \$12,000 natatorium at Hardin College. The work is to be completed this fall.

The building is to be of brick. The pool will be 20x24 feet and lined with white tile; water to be purified by ultra violet rays. It is said that it will be one of the finest equipments of its kind to be found in any college in the West. The enrollment at Hardin this year promises the largest the school has enjoyed in years.

L. W. Roberts of this city with an auto party consisting of Mrs. Roberts, Misses Tommie and Myrtle Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Brown Owens met with an accident while returning from Martinsburg Sunday night at a bridge east of Benton City. Miss Myrtle Roberts was driving. The bridge had been washed out and the machine, partly and all barely escaped being thrown over the embankment. Mr. Owens and Miss Tommie jumped from the car. But Miss Myrtle applied the emergency break just in time, and the car was then reversed and nobody, as it happened, seriously hurt. That bridge should be replaced at once or there should be warning signs displayed.

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NORTH MOLINO.
North Molino, August 21.—Very hot and sultry last week.

R. S. Miller has been suffering with a boil on his face for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Patterson visited at Mrs. Patterson's brother's, Mr. St. Claire Emmons, last Friday and Saturday. They visited Mr. Patterson's mother and sister, Mrs. Patterson and Miss Nettie Patterson.

The Masonic picnic last week was grand. They had a fine dinner, lots of cream, cake, ice lemonade and many other inviting dishes in the way of meats, salads, pies, etc. Among the speakers were S. P. Cunningham and E. D. Patterson. The ladies will organize an Eastern Star Lodge. There were more than 20 who signed as charter members.

A few evenings ago Messrs. Eugene and Clark Williams brought their best girls up from Santa Fe and spent a few hours with their sister, Mrs. John Cauthorn and family.

Mrs. John Cauthorn ate dinner last Sunday at her mother's Mrs. Nan Williams.

Little Mary Opal Martin has been quite sick the last few days.

A large crowd attended Mrs. Florence Heizer's lawn party Saturday night. All were very highly entertained.

Thos. Rodgeway made a flying trip to Texas, starting last Wednesday and returning Sunday. He went for his mother, who accompanied him to Mexico, where she will rest a few days before coming on to his home near Molino.

Miss Mollie Jones came up to the neighborhood last evening so she could be here ready to commence her school at Beres this (Monday) morning. We wish her success.

Mrs. J. E. Mundy is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Daniel.

A Unique Wedding Announcement.
Misses Mary and Frances Jewell gave a party to a few of their girl friends last Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6. After games and conversation the guests were invited to the dining room. The table was beautifully decorated in pink. After a delicious two-course menu was served Miss Mary passed a large bouquet of flowers, each guest receiving one on which was attached a card announcing the marriage of Miss Frances Powell to Mr. Bruce Ridgeway, September 3, 1916.

If you don't own a home we would venture the advice that you be a little wary of purchasing such a luxury as an automobile until you own a home.